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### CHINESE IDOL WORSHIP IS NOW UNDER BAN

#### Dragon Boat Festival Begun 700 Years Ago, Is Also Forbidden

CANTON, China, Sept. 13.—For the first time in centuries the dragon boat festival, the most popular aquatic sport in Southern China, was not celebrated this year. It has always taken place June 18, which is the fifth day of the fifth moon, according to the Chinese calendar. The Governor General of Kwangtung, Wu Hon Man, has proclaimed against it as superstitious, and forbidden its further observance. This is the first of a series of executive orders condemning the worship of idols and the celebrating of the birthdays of the many gods and ancient heroes. It is hoped by many that only Confucius will be the national character universally honored throughout the nation.

The dragon boat festival had its origin several hundred years before Christ. In early Chinese history a man committed suicide by drowning in order to avoid living as a subject of another chief. His day, admired the spirit of dying a free man rather than living a slave. To keep the creatures of the sea from devouring the body of their hero they made and threw into the water rice dumplings, so that the hungry fishes might smother themselves with what the popular and spare the remains. At the same time the on board small boats big huge gongs, made a terrible, and sailed around the grave in order to scare the under water from his resting place.

For centuries the large villages on the banks of the Peral river, in Southern China, have kept dragon boats for this anniversary. A boat is buried under water and mud when not used. Every year, about the last day or two of the fourth moon, the boat will be raised from its grave with ceremony. It will be cleaned painted and decorated with embroidered banners, flags and other insignia of the village or clan. A dragon boat is forty to a hundred feet long and rowed by 80 to 900 persons.

A dragon boat to a clansman is more than a battleship to a citizen or a crew to a college boy. Boats go to visit friendly villages, exchange salutes with others and compete with one another for swiftness. But troubles with serious results often take place after a race and cause bitter feelings between clans and villages.

In late years the spirit of the festival has been wholly forgotten. Now the women regard the dragon as having evil spirit in itself. They worship it, of course. The men also look upon the uniforms they wear at the rowing as sacred and believe good luck will come to them after they have been in the crew. The dumplings the people make these days would not be thrown into the sea. They are made with such materials and dressing that not only children, but any person would like to have a piece. The festival lasts about ten days; the zenith of it comes on the fifth day of the fifth moon.

The festival, with all idol worship and superstition cut away, is a healthy sport for the young men. It has been a means for some persons to get a short vacation. No one but

the young wives in a land where there is no Sunday and the modes of communication are bad can realize what the abolition of the festival means to young men who are in the cities, with their families left in the villages.

Old China and its many superstitions must go. The people have to learn to honor not those who die to escape slavery, but men who live to make others free.

Not only young men, but the young women of China will miss some of the festivals that seemed to have existed only for their pleasure. It is not likely that the lovers' festival, coming on the seventh of the seventh moon, will be permitted.

According to the common belief of many the way to heaven is a river. One day, long ago, the ruler of heaven saw the work of His diligent cow-boy, who lives on one side of the river, and was pleased. He gave His industrious weaving girl on the other side of the river to him in marriage. After they had been married they began to neglect their respective duties. The ruler found them together more than in their daily occupations.

The ruler became angry. He separated the couple, permitting them to see each other but once a year, the night before the seventh of the seventh moon. To enable the pair to meet on that night the crows of the air would form a bridge across the river. On the bridge the two had their annual reunion.

The weaving girl is worshipped by Chinese girls as their saint. At the celebration of the festival the girls will come together in some public place, bringing with them their paintings, embroideries and other works of art they have made during the year for exhibition. They come to the meetings about 8 o'clock in the evening on the eve of the festival and pass their time in singing and other forms of pleasure—usually talking in a low tone and laughing at the top of their voices. They worship heaven, too. About daylight each girl has a needle in her left hand and a thread in the right. As soon as they see a crow flying around their premises, each puts a thread through the eye of the needle, the girl who succeeds first being considered the favorite of the saint in that crowd and maybe the best embroiderer of her community in the future, if traditions are true.

Men are admitted to see the exhibitions of art work of these girls only before or after the meeting and ceremony. Boy may see them.

From now on, however, girls do not have to depend on luck for getting a skillful or good husband. The country girls may, but the city young women do, have the privilege of seeing their prospective husbands before the announcement of the engagement. According to new custom in the cities, the man and woman have to sign their marriage contract before it is legal.

The saddest thing to note in the cities today is the low opinion the best class of young men have of the

so-called modern girls—the girls who do up their hair and dress at the dictation of the fashionable dress designers, and who prefer high-heeled American shoes to neatly embroidered and hand-woven low and soft slippers. The more reasonable young men of today are looking not for those city reared, but for the country educated young women who love home, honor and duty.

#### SCHOOLS FACTOR IN CITY PROGRESS

Adequate Educational Facilities Attract Prospective Residents

Education is a factor in development of cities in two notable ways:

An adequate system of schools is a necessity for present and a strong attraction for prospective citizens. Location of colleges and universities provides a considerable temporary increase of population, part of which in time becomes permanent.

"The Business League actively took up and put through the \$75,000 school bond issue and very materially aided in putting through the bond issue of \$750,000 for civic improvements, including streets, sewers, hospitals, and school improvements." — Business League, Austin, Tex.

"The board of Trade started a movement looking forward to the formation of a playgrounds association and the city is now blessed with numerous playgrounds." — Board of Trade, Chester, Pa.

"The securing of the Mississippi Normal College was due to the efforts of this organization. The State institution will accommodate over 1000 students twelve months in the year. The county of Forest and the city of Hattiesburg donated \$250,000 in cash and 750 acres of land within the city limits to the institution." — Commercial Club, Hattiesburg, Miss.

"The Chamber of Commerce effected the establishment of the Southern Methodist University at Dallas, a great educational institution for all Methodists, brought about by gift of \$300,000 in cash and \$625,000 in land on the part of the citizenship of this city." — Chamber of Commerce, Dallas, Tex.

"This body organized and promoted a successful effort for the passage of an \$800,000 school bond issue with a view to making the school system of Sacramento equal to that of any city of its size in the United States. Order to secure the passage of this bond issue by the people, it was necessary for the Chamber to guarantee the appointment of a competent citizens' committee was compelled to seek the assistance of the courts in order to keep its

guarantee with the people." — Chamber of Commerce, Sacramento, Cal.

"We have brought about the construction of a fine new high school, which, we think, is the best in this State. We have also effected the equipping and installing of playgrounds, which were later taken over by the city, and are now run under a regular playground commission." — Board of Trade, Passaic, N. J.

"The question of a new high school was discussed here for a number of years. After five years' effort a committee of the Board of Education requested an appropriation of approximately \$525,000 to erect a new high school. Politicians at once determined to cut the appropriation in half. The Board of Trade, through one of its committees, conducted an investigation and prepared a request showing the necessity of a building such as had been designed, and that the expense was wholly warranted. This report was submitted to the Board of School Estimate and they were told that unless speedy action was taken the report would be published. As a result the full appropriation was voted." — Board of Trade, Elizabeth, N. J.

"This organization co-operated with the Board of School Trustees for the issuance of \$350,000 for the erection of five new school houses in Reno. Four grade school buildings have been erected and the high school building will be finished this fall. While these buildings are architecturally attractive, they have been planned with special reference (1) to the health, comfort, and convenience of pupils and teachers; (2) to the demands of industrial ideas in modern education, and (3) to absolute protection against loss of life by fire." — Commercial Club, Reno, Nev.

"We obtained an expert report on the proper method of handling the problems of school buildings, calculated for twenty years ahead." — Board of Trade, Harrisburg, Pa.

"Our board has not been organized very long, but has already secured, through the influence of Mr. George F. Cary, a former president of the Board, a summer school of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. This institution has purchased several hundred acres of land on the shore of one of our large lakes, and has already erected buildings, the cost of which is not positively known, but estimated at about \$30,000." — Board of Trade, East Machias, Me.

"We aided in the many details and publicity involved in the construction of the Rice Institute, for the advancement of science, letters and art, a educational institute of learning possessing an endowment of approximately \$10,000,000, being the seventh richest college in the United States. This institute is endowed by the late WA

### CASCARETS TONIGHT! IF BILIOUS, CONSTIPATED, HEADACHY AND SICK

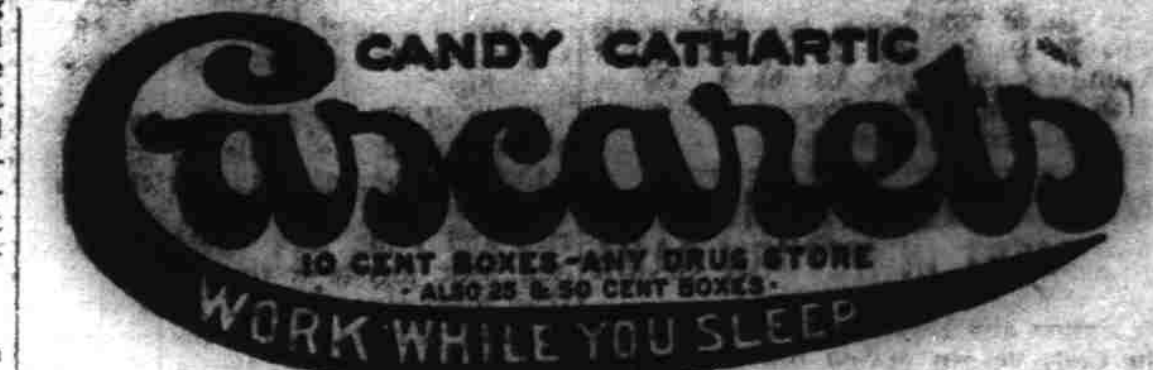
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Jim Marsh Rice and will open his doors in the fall of 1912." — Chamber of Commerce, Houston, Texas.

#### MODERN BLUEBEARD FOUND IN ENGLAND

Army Man, Who Is Reported to Have Married Seven Wives, Murders One and Butchers Children of Two of Them

LONDON, Eng., Sept. 15.—A score of Scotland Yard detectives are working night and day piecing together the new facts daily coming to light revealing the life of a modern Bluebeard, whose last act was to blow out his brains after saturating with petroleum and setting on fire the "Blue room" in which lay the bodies of one of his wives and three of his children, all murdered by him. Sorely wounded and now dying in the Princess Alice Memorial Hospital, his last surviving wife staggered, bleeding from many cuts, into the street. She had escaped through a window, climbing down a drain pipe into a rear alley. It was the escape of this victim which caused the Bluebeard to commit suicide.

The real name of the perpetrator of this chain of crimes is not yet ascertained. He posed at times as "Captain Sterling," and called himself an American, claiming to have served in the Spanish-American war and to have received a medal of honor from Congress for his part in the suppression

of the Philippine Islands insurrection. In Eastbourne, where the murders were committed, he was known as Mr. Robert Charles Mackie, a major on furlough from one of the colonial territorial regiments; in Clapham he was Captain Robert Hicks Murray, captain in the Royal Scots Greys, a guards regiment. At the Horse Guards, it is said that the man served at one time in the Seaforth Highlanders, both in China and India, as an enlisted soldier, not as a commissioned officer. Beyond admitting that he belongs to one of the most blue-blooded families in the kingdom, the War Office authorities will give out no information about him. A badly disfigured Victoria Cross was removed from the burned dwelling at Eastbourne.

The detectives say they have already secured proof that at least seven wives died at the hands of this modern Bluebeard. Two sisters and their three children were involved in the final tragedy at the handsome and substantial house in Eastbourne, a popular seaside resort, where "Finis" was written to a strange career of blood.

Grand Republican Rally at Aala Park tonight. The opening of the campaign. Come one! Come all! Bring the ladies.

Wealthy New Yorkers have lately transferred over \$50,000,000 from New York banks to institutions in Jersey City to avoid paying heavy personal taxes which are assessed in New York on October 1.

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